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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Marlin

Serial No.: 09/704,771

Group: 3712

Filed: 11/03/2000

Examiner: Miller, B

The Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE AFTER FINAL AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed December 1, 2005.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please see the attachment

RESPONSE

The Office Action has rejected claim 22 in light of Kelly and Brannon. Applicants respectfully disagree.

First, As applicants previously argued, Brannon does not teach the elements as defined in the claims as set forth, and applicants explained why in the previous response.

Brannon has no handle which is part of a single, unitary [plastic] wire. In fact, there appears